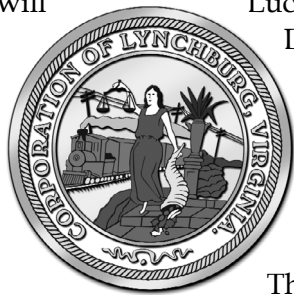




## You Are Cordially Invited...

On Monday, February 13, Mayor Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr. and Vice Mayor Joan F. Foster will deliver the State of the City Address. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 900 Church Street. A reception will follow. You are cordially invited to attend. The event will also be aired live on Cable Channel 7.

The State of the City Address provides the Mayor and Vice Mayor an opportunity to bring together the citizens of Lynchburg, and talk with them about the accomplishments, challenges, and events of the past year and the issues that will shape the City's future.



In addition to the State of the City Address, the Mayor and Vice Mayor will recognize several individuals with the Mayor's Community Service Award of Excellence. This year's recipients include Dr. Thomas and Ellen Nygaard, Lucy Guggenheimer Ross, John Doyle, Louie Robinson, Valerie Robinson, Kelvin Moore, Barbara Salisbury, Wayne Dahlgren, Laura Dupuy, Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., and M.W. Thornhill, Jr.

The Vice Mayor's Young Adult Award will be given to three young adults between the ages of 18 and 40 that have demonstrated leadership and service to the community. This year's award winners are Teal McClure, Duane Thomas, and Tracey Dixon.

## Old City Cemetery Celebrates 200th Year!

The Old City Cemetery commemorates its 200th year of operation this year. Established in 1806, the cemetery is one of the oldest public cemeteries in continuous use in the United States. More than 20,000 people are buried there, most before 1925.

Visitors can take a virtual walking tour of the Old City Cemetery and discover some of the rich history behind the African Americans buried there. The Cemetery was the only burial ground in Lynchburg open to African Americans until 1885, and three-quarters of all those buried in the Cemetery, from 1806 to the present, are African American.

Did you know that many West African slaves believed that bonfires and lamps on the grave led the deceased soul to glory? When slaves were brought to this country, they brought along many of their customs with them including their food, style of dress, and of course, their burial customs. Those burial customs are immortalized at the Old City Cemetery for visitors to see and explore.

Lynchburg was the second largest hospital center in Virginia during the Civil War, and the City's public cemetery became an integral part of the military hospital complex. During the four year Civil War, as the South's largest outpost hospital center, Lynchburg admitted in



excess of 20,000 patients with nearly 3,000 deaths. Over 2,200 of those soldiers are buried in the Confederate Section of the Old City Cemetery.

Visitors will want to also stop by the cemetery museums including the Pest House Museum, Hearse House, and the Caretakers Museum, or sit under the lovely old tree by the pond. The Old City Cemetery is managed by a partnership between the City of Lynchburg and the Southern Memorial Association. Jane White is Cemetery Director and is responsible for the day-to day-operations.

The Cemetery is open to the public every day from dawn to dusk. Museum office hours are 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Below is a list of bicentennial events. All events are free unless otherwise indicated. Stop by and step back into a part of Lynchburg's history.

Apr. 23	Chapel & Columbarium Dedication, 3:00 p.m.
May 13	11th Annual Antique Rose Festival & Art Show, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 28	Confederate Memorial Day Service, 3:00 p.m.
May 29	Memorial Day Bird Walk & Count, 8:30 a.m.
Jun. 2	Historical Market Unveiling, 12:00 noon
Jun. 3- Aug. 26	Summer Saturdays in the Cemetery, 10:00 a.m.
Jun. 18	Bransford Vawter Day, 3:00 p.m.
Sep. 17	Bawdy Ladies of 19th Century Lynchburg, 3:00 p.m., \$
Oct. 29	Bicentennial Funeral Parade, 3:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	Gingerbread House Making Demonstration, 10:00 a.m., \$
Dec. 4 - 20	Gingerbread House Display

## TRASH COLLECTION

### What To Do About Holidays?

Unfortunately, some citizens were confused about the recent Christmas and New Year holiday trash collection schedules. The City apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. An effort to alert the public to changes in the trash collection schedule is made through various means. Several advertisements will appear in the *News and Advance* and the *Piedmont Area Journal* before the holiday, press releases are distributed to all local media, and information will appear on Cable Channel 7, as well as on the City's website at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov).

Trash collectors have also placed a large round decal on the lid of all trash carts. The

decals list all holiday changes in the trash collection schedule. If you do not have a decal on your trash cart please contact Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489) to obtain one. A new holiday decal will be placed on your trash cart in October. As a general rule, trash is not collected on New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If your regular trash collection day falls on one of these holidays, your refuse will normally be picked up on Wednesday of that week. See the chart below.



City Observed Holidays for 2006		Trash Collection Day
New Year's Day	Mon., Jan. 2	Monday routes collected on Wednesday
Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan. 16	Regular Schedule
President's Day	Mon., Feb. 20	Regular Schedule
Memorial Day	Mon., May 29	Regular Schedule
Independence Day	Tues., July 4	Tuesday routes picked up on Wednesday
Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 4	Regular Schedule
Thanksgiving	Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 23 & 24	Thursday routes collected on Wednesday, Nov. 22; Friday routes on regular schedule
Christmas	Mon. & Tues., Dec. 25 & 26	Monday routes collected on Wednesday, Dec. 27; Tuesday routes on regular schedule

## Personal Property Assessment Notices

Personal property owners will begin receiving their personal property tax assessment notices on **March 1**. The new notices are considered "File by Exception," meaning that citizens will only send the notices back to the Commissioner of the Revenue office if there are changes or additions to be made. If any of the information is incorrect, residents should correct it and mail or fax it back to the Commissioner's Office by **April 1**.

Several changes have also been made regarding the payment of personal property taxes. In the past, personal property taxes could only be made in one payment and were due by **November 15**. Beginning this year, taxpayers have the option of either making one payment for the full amount (June 1) or paying in two installments. Taxpayers choosing to make installments must make the first payment by **June 1** and the second payment by **December 1**. Personal property tax bills will be mailed in May and November.

Last year City Council voted to eliminate the vehicle decal. Personal property owners will pay a vehicle license fee but will not receive a decal. The vehicle license fee will be included in the personal property tax bill and must be paid in one payment by **June 1**.

Residents will receive additional information further explaining this and other changes in the next few months. For more information, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue Office at (434) 455-3870 or fax them at (434) 847-1842.

## Traffic Count Map Available Online

Interested in daily traffic counts on some of the City's main roads? Check out the "2004 Annual Traffic Counts Map" on the City's website at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov). The map is located under Government Services>Map Gallery. Traffic volumes are for a 24-hour period, and the road segments are color-coded based on traffic volume level. Should you have any questions regarding the map, please contact the City's traffic engineer Gerry Harter at 455-3935.



## Ward I Small Business Forum

**Wednesday, February 15  
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**

**Westminster Canterbury  
501 VES Road**  
(Continental Breakfast Provided)

Facilitated by: Dr. Michael Gillette  
(City Council Representative Ward I)

The Small Business Forums are intended to provide information and obtain feedback from the City of Lynchburg's business community. Please make plans to attend.

Sponsored By:

**Office of Economic  
Development (OED) and  
Lynchburg Industrial  
Development Authority (LIDA)**

## Class of 2005 Citizens Academy Graduates!

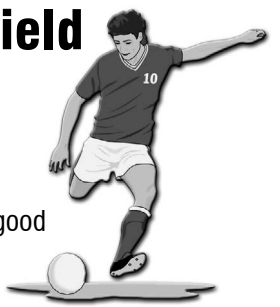


On December 13, 2005, eighteen citizens graduated from Lynchburg's third Citizens Academy. The participants attended 11 weekly sessions on topics ranging from the budget to public safety.

The Academy participants were honored during the December 13 City Council meeting and received praises from Mayor Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr. for their interest in City government.

## Athletic Field Taskforce

Participation in athletic programs is growing! That's the good news, as it indicates that City residents are increasingly active and our youth sports programs are successful. Whether it be a school, parks and recreation, or an athletic organization program the interest in playing sports is on the rise in Lynchburg. In addition to the traditional sports of baseball, football, soccer, and softball there is increasing interest in other sports, such as lacrosse, rugby, field hockey, flag football and, yes, even dodge-ball.



With the increase in athletic leagues and number of citizens playing there is the accompanying pressure on the City's athletic fields. City staff, as well as citizens, are increasingly concerned that we do not have enough fields to meet the current and future needs for athletic play. The fields are in high demand and, in some cases, show signs of serious wear. The City's goal is to sustain athletic fields in good playing condition while meeting as many community needs as possible.

The Lynchburg City Council and Lynchburg School Board have formed a joint taskforce in an effort to assess the state of the City's athletic fields and set long term goals for the improvement and development of fields. The taskforce will meet over the next several months and will develop and make final recommendations to both the School Board and City Council.

The taskforce is interested in hearing from citizens and groups that are interested in the condition of and improvements to the City's athletic fields. A public forum will be held in the near future (date to be announced). An easy way to learn more is to visit the City's web site at [www.lynchburgva.gov/parksandrec/aff](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/parksandrec/aff). This site offers the opportunity to read an assessment of the athletic fields and to offer comment to the taskforce. If you or a family member is active in a sports program we would like to hear from you!

## All Leaf Collection Services Have Ended

NOTE: Bagged leaves may still be placed at curbside for pick-up during regular trash collection with a .95 cent trash tag attached.

## Lynchburg Municipal Offices will be CLOSED Monday, February 20 in observance of PRESIDENT'S DAY

Trash collection will follow the normal schedule. The Landfill will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489) for more information.

